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PRESIDENT'S PAGE Albert L. Baber

Our 47th convention had its highs and its lows. The exhibits rank among the top at any previous convention with 40 exhibitors displaying 159 cases of numismatic material. Jim Hill of San Diego enlightened us on the coins of Estonia, and Byron Johnson of Seattle, Washington, discussing exonomia, made the educational forum an outstanding event.

Another high was the nomination of officers. I am pleased that we have more competition than we had on our first mail ballot. This indicates we are getting more members interested in our association. It is good to see this fresh blood, from which new and fresh ideas will come. Let us not be guilty of vetoing new ideas. Too often the new idea gets a 'no' vote because of the old 'don't upset the apple cart' fear. And it is only human nature to want to tinker with it to get it into a more conventional shape so as not to shock the old faithful members. This is why progress is so slow in coming to a fraternal organization such as ours. "An idea that isn't dangerous is hardly worth calling an idea", said Oscar Wilde.

Our low was perhaps the 1,093 registrants. I have heard all kinds of reasons for so low an attendance, i.e.: last week end of the month is always slower than the first; Professional Numismatic Guild holding their show in Dallas; election weekend (everyone waiting for results before spending any money); poor location; no parking; not enough advertising; Halloween weekend; too late in the year—should have the show in September. Take your pick—I doubt if any one is

ATTENTION — BOURSE DEALERS

The bourse space at our Fresno CSNA Convention, April 16-18, is selling fast.

If you desire space, please submit your request to the bourse chairman, Wm. Y. Lee, c/o Coast Stamp & Coin Co., Tulare and "U" Sts., Fresno, Calif. 93721, by Jan. 31, to insure being accommodated.

the total contributing factor, but collectively, perhaps the cause.

CSNA did not have a host club for this show, which made it difficult to get help. My thanks to those who did assist, especially General Chairman Charles Colver. It is the general chairman's job to get the job done by solving problems. Problem-solving restores normalcy at best, and at worst covers up for what was inept planning in the first place—Charles did it magnificently.

See you at our Third Seminar in Long Beach . . .

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SAN FRANCISCO, MEXICAN PESOS OF 1898

By A. F. PRADEAU, Los Angeles

In 1949, the Chinese government through its Central Bank, entered into an agreement with Mexico to purchase 13,231,697 yuans of the Sun Yat Sen type and an unpublished amount of Mexican pesos of the old type (previous to 1898).

The coinage of yuans at the Mexico City mint started the month of August, and ended in November 1949, and were delivered. As to the old type Mexican pesos, Article 17 of the Monetary Law of 1905 permitted its coinage — for export only — with dies bearing the Mexico City mark and dated previous to 1898.

Arrangements were made with the

Delivered to the Republic of China	\$2,526,978
Stored in the vaults of the Bank of America	2,000,000
Sent to Hermosillo, Sonora, during month of June 1950*	3,779,000
Retained in vaults of Mexico City mint	1,942,000
Kept by the Banco de Mexico, October 1950	2,022

*While no official records have been found, it must be surmised that these pieces had been at either Guaymas or Mazatlan, intended for shipment. Since Hermosillo had the only assay (government) office in Sonora this was the logical nearest point where they could be sent for melting to bullion.

During the National Convention of the American Numismatic Association in San Francisco, Calif. from the 21st to 24th of August, 1949, those touring the mint witnessed the striking of the Mexican pesos and, of course, were unable to obtain specimens.

Subsequent investigation disclosed that the storage charges being high, the bank had been empowered to sell the coinage for bullion; and because of the secrecy of the transaction very few collectors learned of the existence of such pieces before the melting took place.

These coins will be rated as curiosities of desirable numismatic value because of the date which legally should have been 1897; the value Peso instead of Rs., for Reales; and lastly because of their scarcity as the bulk of the issue was melted.

(Re-print from the September, 1968 issue of PLUS ULTRA, official publication of The Azteca Numismatic Society of Los Angeles.)

—O—

A bilingual coin has an inscription in two different languages.

San Francisco, Calif., mint to strike two million pieces — ONE PESO type, dated 1898 — with dies furnished by Mexico apparently through the Bank of America to which they were delivered during the month of September 1949. Up to that time the Mexico City mint had coined 8,250,000 pieces, but the price of silver had advanced making unprofitable the fulfillment of the contract. Incidentally, political changes were taking place in China and the contract was rescinded when only 2,526,978 pieces had been delivered. Thus by the end of the year 1950, distribution of the 10,250,000 pieces struck, was as follows:

A COIN . . .

A TRADITION . . .

A HERITAGE . . .

In virtually every endeavor undertaken by mankind, there remains for posterity some evidence of his achievement. Many such accomplishments, while seemingly simple and uncomplicated in concept, still profoundly affect present as well as future generations.

Such is the coin. Since the advent of this phenomenon of "coinage" in approximately 700 B.C., the significance of the lowly coin has encompassed the world. The coin has become indicative of the culture from which it springs, giving to each country and each era a lasting documentation of its tradition.

—O—

The Mott token was one of the first tradesman's tokens issued in America. It was issued in 1789 by William and John Mott of New York City.

From the Desk of the Treasurer

JULY 1, 1970 - OCTOBER 31, 1970

Balance Brought Forward (Commercial Account)..... \$ 4,205.86

Receipts:

Bourse (47th Semi-Annual Convention).....	\$ 2,470.00	
Membership Dues.....	299.00	
Medallions	16.50	
Calcoin News.....	1.00	2,786.50

Total \$ 6,992.36

Disbursements:

Program Covers (1,000).....	\$ 17.25	
Californiana	88.80	
Badges (47th Semi-Annual Convention).....	76.78	
Printing	218.02	
Programs and Banquet Tickets.....	163.78	
Plaque for South African Convention.....	15.00	
Padlocks, Master, #10-60.....	53.80	
A.N.A.T.	500.00	
Ribbons (47th Semi-Annual Convention).....	190.96	
Refund on "Money Talks".....	5.50	
Postage Stamps.....	36.00	
Gold Piece, \$10.....	35.00	
Editor's Expenses.....	174.80	
Assistant Editors' Expenses.....	40.00	
Miscellaneous	41.07	1,656.76

Balance (Commercial Account) \$ 5,335.60

Savings Account (Sept. 30, 1970) Includes \$78.00

Interest Received..... \$ 6,279.61

Kennedy Half Dollars in Safety Deposit Box..... 480.00 6,759.61

Grand Total (On Hand)..... \$12,095.21

—WILLIAM O. WISSLEAD

THE LIBERIA ONE CENT OF 1833

by

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The Negro Republic of Liberia is closer to the United States historically, politically and culturally than any other nation in Africa. The official language is English, the flag is similar, and the constitution is modeled after that of the United States. Its money is either American or Liberian, circulating side by side, with identical denominations and values, and it is

the only nation in the world with this distinction.

At the end of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth century the United States was facing the serious problem of providing for the many freed slaves, whose ever-increas-

(Please note the following photos are enlarged 1½ times normal size.)

OBV.



CH-1

REV.



CH-1



CH-2



CH-2



CH-3



CH-3

OBV.



CH-4

REV.



CH-4



CH-5



CH-5



CH-6



CH-6

ing number complicated the situation in the young republic. In 1816 the American Colonization Society was formed, and in 1822, with governmental aid, a strip of land was bought on the West African coast. This future new republic was situated between Sierra Leone and the Ivory Coast and covered some 43,000 square miles, about two-thirds the size of California. The name Liberia was adopted in 1824 as it signified the newly-gained freedom for its settlers. The capital, Monrovia, was named after U.S. President James Monroe, chief executive during the early days of Liberia's colonization.

Liberia has always had very close ties with the United States and its coinage is to some extent patterned after that of the U.S.A. The country still uses all United States paper money as legal tender and currently has none of its own.

The first coins were made in the United States by John Gibbs Company at Belleville, New Jersey, who also produced many of the American Hard Times tokens of that period. These were copper one cent pieces, dated 1833, and issued by the American Colonization Society as a commemorative. The size is 28 mm, the same as the U.S. large cent. Mintage totals for this piece are unknown.

The obverse shows a nude man leaning against a palm tree, waving to a sailing ship to the left, "Liberia" above the tree, and the date "1833" at the bottom. The reverse inscription reads "The American Colonization Society Founded A.D. 1816. One Cent".

There are at least six distinct die varieties of these pieces mainly identified by large and small ships and different branches on the tree dividing the world Liberia above.

They are usually found in good to very fine condition and generally sell for less than \$10. Uncirculated specimens are very rarely seen. The relative rarity of the listed six die varieties is unknown, except they are here numbered in accordance with the number of specimens discovered from a large group examined. The large ship varieties are not seen as often as the small and sometimes command slightly higher prices from dealers.

Since this is the first time these varieties have been described, possibly additional varieties will be brought to light following the publication of this

listing. It is hoped the numbers here assigned will become a standard reference for identifying various pieces in any future catalog.

CH-1—Obverse, 1 in date to left of tree trunk, small ship, rays 15, palm tree 13 leaves, top of bush at waterline.

CH-2—Obverse, 1 in date under tree trunk, large ship, rays 14, palm tree 12 leaves, top of bush above water.

Reverse, narrow space between A D and double period between.

CH-3—Obverse, 1 in date under tree trunk, large ship, rays 14 with second touching ship, palm tree 10 leaves with leaf between L & I, bush at waterline.

Reverse, narrow A D with double period.

CH-4—Obverse, 1 in date to left of tree trunk, large ship, rays 11, palm tree 12 leaves with leaf between B & E, bush above water.

Reverse, wide A D with single period but with first "N" in colonization titled upward.

CH-5—Obverse, as CH-1.

Reverse, very narrow A D.

CH-6—Obverse, as CH-2.

Reverse, as CH-4.

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QUEEN ANNE FARTHING

"Queen Anne, 1702-1714, Mystery Farthings" is the title of the latest publication authored by Richard J. Trowbridge, CSNA-1821.

Contents include:

1. Numismatic Terms Used
2. Rarity Scale of the Various Types
3. Introduction by the Author
4. A Short History of the Life and Reign of Queen Anne
5. Description of the Various Issues
6. Bibliography

This booklet is well illustrated, quite comprehensive and adequately describes these various patterns. It should be included in the library of all those interested in coins of Scotland and Britain. This heavy paper cover booklet is priced at \$1.50, and may be ordered direct from the author, Richard J. Trowbridge, P.O. Box 14542, Long Beach, Calif. 90814.

North of the Tehachapis

By JERRY KROEGER, CSNA 18-4

East Bay Coin Club's president, **Craig Knudsen**, announced a change of meeting date to the fourth Tuesday of each month.

A numismatic flea market was featured at the September meeting and trading was brisk.

Don Thrall spoke at the October meeting on Transportation Tokens and everybody had a good ride.

Don't forget EBCC meets at the Bank of California, Durant and Shattuck, Berkeley in the upstairs meeting room.

Tulare Coin Club is now one year old! It has grown from 29 charter members to 56 members as of August 31. It's A Dream Come True!

In the first year the members have viewed slides from the 99 Company, ANA and some shown by **Richard Allbright**. They have also seen displays and heard interesting talks from several of the members—**Fred Tinkham**, **Forest Speck**, **Dennis Olswang**, **Richard Allbright**, **Tip Richardson**, **Everett Ostrom**, **Sid Greene**, **Ren Carr**, **Jack Schwarz**, **Claude Huntsman** and others.

TCC is moving. Future meetings will be held on the third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Tulare Federal Savings and Loan Building, 120 North L. Street.

Diablo Numismatic Society held its annual Coin Show in October. Exhibits were excellent and the dealers were out in goodly numbers to entice an eager market.

DNS annual Christmas Dinner is being held on December 16 at Jerry's Beefburgers. Door prizes, raffles, and good food ought to make for a Good Time.

San Francisco Coin Club enjoyed Other Hobbies once again with everything from "Soup to Nuts" being exhibited.

October 9 was the SFCC Tenth Anniversary Meeting. A buffet dinner

with door prizes and a general good time was had by all.

By popular demand, **Fresno Numismatic Society** will resume meeting twice a month, on the second Tuesday and the fourth Friday.

The FNS Coin and Stamp Show at the fairgrounds was an unqualified success and with only favorable reports from the dealers and others who participated to make this one of the best shows ever.

FNS's Eisenhower wooden dollar was a first and it is still in great demand because the orders are still coming in.

The members wish to thank **Dorothy** and **Bill Lee** for their gracious hospitality at the numismatic picnic at their mountain home in Sugar Pine in August.

Once again the Fresno District Fair and the FNS display has come to a successful conclusion. This was the 11th consecutive year that FNS has exhibited at the Fair. They were awarded a plaque this year for "Excellence" in Education and Public Service Displays of which the members can all be justly proud.

The 25th Anniversary of FNS occurs in January, 1971. **PanArt Covers** has been contacted to produce the first souvenir of the occasion. Hopefully these can be distributed to FNS members gratis. It pays to be a member of FNS.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society presented Other Hobbies night at the August meeting.

At the September meeting, **Dr. C. W. Aby** spoke on Portrait Gold Coins of Colonial Mexico. He has slides to supplement his most interesting talk.

The meeting in November featured **Bruno Kuhe**, giving a talk and exhibiting the coins from his prize winning article of 1969 "The Levantine Thaler".

PCNS meets the Fourth Wednesday of each month at the Sheraton Palace Hotel, San Francisco, at 8:00 p.m.

Central California Coin Club is back to two meetings a month. The second and fourth Sundays at the Progressive Home Club, Fresno, at 1:30 p.m.

CCCC held its First Annual Coin Show on November 22. No report at this writing on its success.

Sacramento Valley Coin Club heard Hugh Pettit of the U.S. Secret Service give a very interesting talk on Counterfeiting Currency. From the intensive note taking throughout his talk one would think the Service may have more problems in that area.

SVCC lists a few reasons why you should run for office in your club—to whit—Lust for power, prestige, a combination of the two. Don't know any better, glutton for punishment, or just crazy.

The annual convention of the North-

ern California Numismatic Association was held Sept. 17-20 at the Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco. Sixty-eight dealers had bourse space. The exhibits were all of high caliber, with Peter Brander of Burbank winning Best-of-Show.

The following officers were elected for 1971: Lillian Hooker, president; Roy Hill, first vice president; Dr. Charles W. Aby, second vice president; Ward Curran, secretary; and Ward Bowers, treasurer.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In the northern part of California we have 34 member clubs—yet in this issue we have reports from but 9 of them. Please keep in mind that we cannot make up the news—it has to come from you. Please put me on your mailing list for a copy of your monthly bulletin or a copy of the minutes of your meetings, so that I may include the doing of your club in this column.)

South of the Tehachapis

By NONA G. MOORE, CSNA 1573

HOW ABOUT THAT?

Fourteen year old Jad Darnell of the Poway Coin Club recently became the envy of every numismatist! He was the winner of one of the two California bi-centennial medals which made the trip to the moon with Neil Armstrong. When his name was drawn by Lt. Governor Ed Reinecke from more than 6,000 entries, Jad declined the invitation to fly to Sacramento to accept this prize, so that he would not miss the first day of school, but his parents convinced him this was equally as important, and he was personally presented with the medal attractively mounted in a special frame, with a letter of authentication signed by Armstrong. The second medal is on display in the State capitol.

Although no actual dollar value has been placed on either medal, each was covered by \$100,000 in insurance while at the capitol; however, young Jad says he wouldn't take \$50,000 in cash for it now!

400th MEETING

Special activities were noted at this anniversary meeting of the San Diego Numismatic Society in September,

when about 80 attended. Each received a special wooden piece struck to commemorate the occasion. Others may obtain this 2-inch piece by sending 35¢ (3 for \$1.00) to Box 1145, San Diego 92112.

All but two of the living past presidents attended, including Herb Bergen, president of ANA. A cake, baked especially for the meeting, was shared as a birthday cake with Bergen, to observe his birthday on that day.

NEW ORGANIZATION

A limit of 25 members has been placed on the recently organized San Gabriel Exonumist Society.

ON THE GO

Sol Taylor, Whittier Coin Club, spent eight weeks in New Dehli, India, last Fall, as part of a cultural exchange program between the U.S. and India.

A NEW IDEA

San Fernando Valley Coin Club is giving free 1971 membership dues to any member who exhibited at least three times during 1970.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Earl O'Cathey, California

Wooden Money Association, who is now first vice president of the **International Order of Wooden Money Collectors**.

To **Pomona Valley Coin Club** on its 11th anniversary celebrated by a recent potluck dinner.

To **Charles M. Johnson** for receiving **ANA's** top honor award. He was presented the **Farran Zerbe Award** in St. Louis for his dedication to our hobby and his efforts in establishing the **ANA** headquarters in Colorado Springs. He is the second member of the **San Diego Numismatic Society** to receive it—as **Lew Panosh** was honored in Houston in 1965.

SOMETHING SPECIAL

A 16mm color movie was presented at a recent meeting of the **San Fernando Valley Coin Club** by **Col. Douglas Parker** of the **Rocketdyne Company** of Canoga Park. **Col. Parker** showed the **NASA Apollo 11** "Man's First Step on The Moon", and conducted a question and answer period. He also gave each person present a complete date log of **USA** and **USSR** manned space flights and astronaut log.

INCENTIVES

An "On-Time Capsule" drawing is held at the **Desert Coin Prospector's Club** in Victorville.

Upland Coin Club has an "Early-bird Drawing" in which membership numbers are drawn and special gifts given if the member is present before the meeting gets under way.

Ten additional membership prizes of **U.S.** proof coins are being offered by the **Los Angeles Coin Club** in its membership drawing to paid-up members present.

HOBBY TIME

Culver City Coin Club held its annual hobby show in October. Prizes were awarded both adults and juniors.

Second Hobby Night was held in September by the **Pomona General Dynamics Coin Club**.

FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

A successful white elephant sale helped the **East Los Angeles Coin Club** and **Upland Coin Club** add to the treasury in September.

Monterey Park Coin Club held a white elephant sale in September and the outstanding highlight was an amber wine bottle which attracted some very active bidding.

November was white elephant sale

month for the **Pacific Beach Coin Club**.

NO DICE!

Unfortunately the "Queen Mary", being renovated at Long Beach, will not be ready for our 1971 **CSNA** convention. Hopefully it can be held in 1972. See **Calendar of Numismatic Events** for re-scheduled Fall 1971 convention.

GROWING STEADILY

Clairemont Coin Club, San Diego, organized early in 1970, has reached a membership of 70, and continues to grow. Rumors are that it expects to become one of the largest in the area. Credit for this is attributed to good speakers, educational meetings, tasty refreshments, auctions, and much interest in collecting in general. Its founder and first president, **John DePauli**, has for his officers: **Larry Laffen**, vice president; **Joan Noga**, secretary, and **Steven Ames**, treasurer.

JUNIOR MEMBER EXCELS

A 16-year-old boy, **Steven Stoliar**, from Tarzana, introduced a unique subject at the **Southern Hub Coin Club** in October. He presented a talk on "Tying **U.S.** Coins in with Ancient Coins". **Steven** has been interested in the history and collecting of fossils since he was six years old, and from then on gradually advanced to a broader field of archeology. He has had several articles published in various coin publications, and his interesting talk was appreciated and enjoyed by all attendees.

WOMEN'S LIB

Say what you will about us women, the distaff members of the **San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council** ran its 13th coin-a-rama in October, and it was a real "go-er"! **Dorothy Baber**, **CSNA** president's wife, was general chairman (or should the word be chairwoman?). She was assisted by **Marcie Wise**, **Gladys Moulton**, **Beverly Lundberg**, **Bertie Olson**, **Barbara Buck**, **Eleanor Yachwan**, **Patsy Rose**, **Anna M. Panosh** and **Kay Edgerton**. More than 925 attended this well-planned show, with 30 dealers actively engaged in the bourse room. The breakfast, at which the display awards were presented, was well-attended, and each received a surprise gift of a small bronze bi-centennial medal. **Charles Colver** (how come a man speaker?), authority on British

coinage, spoke to a good-sized crowd at the forum. Two auction sessions were held with good attendance.

LONG AWAITED

The book, "A Guide to the Temple Tokens of India", written by **Irwin Brotman**, is now available. Irv has been compiling this for many years, tracing the cultural history of India back 4,000 years before Christ. Easy identification and attribution of tokens is possible with the illustrations in this 108-page book, available from most dealers or from the author at Box 91448, Los Angeles 90009.

TV STAR

Little **Susan Coon**, daughter of **West Valley Coin Club** vice president **Rodney Coon**, has become a TV actress before she is one month old. Many saw her on the ABC Matt Lincoln Show in November (watch for the return), a show which had Dean Jagger for guest star. Susan appeared in four scenes as a newborn baby, and was allowed only 30 second exposures to the cameras.

NATIONAL COIN WEEK

Lee Martin, **Santa Ana Coin Club**, has been named **National Coin Week** chairman for 1971 by Herb Bergen, ANA president. Lee served as a 1970 committee member. He writes a coin column in the **Santa Ana Register**; founded the **Numismatic Literary Guild**; and is advertising manager of the coin publication **COINage**.

MEDAL COLLECTORS

Be-Lo-Ce Coin Club, **Imperial Valley**, announced the **Brawley Chamber of Commerce** has produced the first medals commemorating "The Cattle Call". Only 1,000 were struck, making them a collector's item.

ISRAEL COIN CLUB (Santa Monica)

Collectors can now obtain a Fifth Birthday-First Day Cover containing a one agora and five agorot with post-marked twelve agorot stamp, dated June 27, 1970, from Jerusalem. Produced by Pan-Art for the club, they are available for \$5 from Box 893, Woodland Hills 91304. A very limited number remain available.

PRESENTATION

Alva Christensen, **Temple City**, presented a special Israeli-marked numismatic cover, sponsored by the **Israel Numismatic Society**, **San Gabriel**, to **Margo Russell**, editor of **Coin World**, at the ANA convention in St. Louis. A limited issue for members

only, a few covers are available at \$7 by inquiring from Box 637, Rosemead 91770.

QUIZ PROGRAMS

Manrice Jensen gave one of his ever-popular quiz programs on U.S. coins before the **Long Beach Coin Club**. Prizes were given to those with right answers.

Martin Leubert chairmanned an "Audience Participation" program at the **Los Angeles Coin Club**.

Xenia Kreizel pulled another quiz at the **Pico-Rivera Coin Club** in October, with everyone failing the first question, but having a "barrel of fun".

KEEP IN TOUCH

Bob Clarke—after you get settled in your new Persian home!

Robert Clarke, **South Pasadena**, the foremost authority on British Oceania, Switzerland, India and others, is leaving with his lovely wife, **Dura**, for **Tehran, Iran**. At present he can only say his time in Asia will be an indefinite stay, but we will look forward to seeing him at least annually and hearing from him more often than that. Bob's new address is: Box 1541, c/o Union Oil Co., **Tehran, Iran**.

OFF TO ENGLAND

Walter Matfeld, **Bakersfield Coin Club**, is spending a year in England teaching. The club will miss him in particular because of his expert knowledge in attributing foreign coins, but he is wished "good hunting" in England. The members of **BCC** look forward to his return with new stories and coins.

SCOUT SUNDAY

First Scout Sunday was held recently at the **Lawndale Coin Club** when auction material was donated and proceeds went to the Boy Scout Camping Fund. Troop 785 from **Torrance** presented the November program.

CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST SOCIETY

The annual board meeting of **CES** was held in October at the **CSNA** convention, with the regular meeting thereafter.

COIN SHOWS

Oxnard Coin Club reported its fourth annual show as attended by 500. **Olive Anthony** was best-of-show winner with her exhibit of Roman coins.

In spite of the unprecedented heat wave and the worst fires in the his-

tory of Southern California, concentrated in the San Fernando Valley, West Valley Coin Club produced a fine, profitable and enjoyable 12th annual coin-a-rama in September.

With its 1970 coin show in the past, most of the September meeting of the **Santa Barbara Coin Club** was spent discussing its good and its poor points.

San Geronio Coin Club of Banning held its first coin show in November, at which a \$10 gold piece was given away.

Calico Coin Club of Barstow held its first show in September at Dana Park. Eight dealers were present at the well-attended event.

Reports of the **Numismatic Council of Orange County (NCOC)** third annual coin-a-rama held in October were excellent. Elongated silver dimes were again available to celebrate the event.

Downey Numismatists' fifth annual show is being held at deadline time. Look for a complete report next quarterly.

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

Pacific Beach Coin Club has changed its meeting to the first Friday. No change in meeting place.

Meetings for **San Dieguito Coin Club** have been re-scheduled for the third Tuesday, at the same place.

PASSING THE GAVEL

California Collectors of Elongateds — **Lee Martin**, president; **William Martin**, vice president; **Carol Harper**, secretary; **Warren Bunge**, treasurer.

Fontana United Numismatists — **Robert Kump**, president; **Ruth Coon**, first vice president; **Leonard Curlett**, second vice president; **A. Ben Coon**, treasurer; **Gary Avance**, recording secretary; **Nona Moore**, corresponding secretary.

San Dieguito Coin Club — **Bruce Parker**, president; **Walter Pratt**, vice president; **Louise Hawes**, secretary-treasurer.

West Valley Coin Club — **Betty Case**, president; **Rodney Coon**, first vice president; **Harry Shirk**, second vice president; **Leonora Donald**, corresponding secretary; **Vi Johnson**, recording secretary; **Ruth Vickery**, treasurer.

SPEAKERS LIST

(Addresses of the following speakers may be obtained from the CSNA secretary, Charles Colver, or by referring to Member Club address list, page 67, Summer 1970 issue of Calcoin News.)

Tim Browder, "Counterstruck U.S. Coins Used in the Middle East" — Bay Cities Coin Club.

Gordon Greene, "My Mormon Heritage" — California Exonumist Society.

Mary Capozzi, "New Mexico Indian Ceremonies of 1970"; **Earl O'Cathey**, "My Trip to Africa" (slides) — California Wooden Money Association.

Bill Wright, "U.S. Mint Coining Processes 1914 To Date" — Convair Coiners.

Amos House, "Hard Times Tokens"; **Ralph and Sally Marx**, "Both Sides of a Coin" — Covina Coin Club.

Eric Warner, "U.S. Trade Dollars" (slides) — Culver City Coin Club.

Joy Parrish, "Paper Money" — Be-Lo-Ce Coin Club, Imperial Valley.

John Heaton, "How to Make Money"; **Maurice Jensen**, "Bechtler Private Gold Mint" — Downey Numismatists.

Leena Kohl, "A Female Bella Slave and Timbuktu" (slides) — East Los Angeles Coin Club.

Francis Jones, "On Judging an Exhibit" — East San Diego Coin Club.

Laura Nemez, "The Art of Displaying"; **The Abelson's**, "Touring Israel Through Numismatics" — Echo Park Coin Club.

Bill Olsen, "Metal Detecting in the Pacific Islands" — Escondido Coin Club.

Howard Smith, "Our Trip to England and Europe"; **Pat Adler** (Detective, San Bernardino Sheriff Department), "Home Burglaries"; **James R. Briggs**, "By Trip to the Continent" — Fontana United Numismatists.

Wayne Dennis, "Wooden Money"; **Lois Richardson**, "Hawaiian Travelogue"; **Leona Kohl**, "A Female Bella Slave and Timbuktu" — Forty-Niner Coin Club.

Bill Wright, "1970 ANA Seminar: Beware of Counterfeits" — Imperial Beach Coin Club.

Peggy Borgolte, "The Holyland — Its People Today and Yesterday"; **Jerry Yahalom**, "Jerusalem — The Eternal City" — Israel Coin Club, Santa Monica.

Peggy Borgolte, "Rulers of Spain and New Spain in the New World" — Long Beach Coin Club.

Irwin Brotman, "India Temple Tokens" — Lawndale Coin Club.

Xenia Kreizel, "Coins of Ireland"; **Edwin Borgolte**, "An American on the Rhine" — Los Angeles Coin Club.

G. A. Ayers, "Prison Money"; **Ralph**

Marx, "German Paper Money" — Monterey Park Coin Club.

Ray Reinoehl, "U.S. Trade Dollar and Varieties" (slides); **Len Sterling**, "Story of Golden Gloves in Medals" — North Hollywood Coin Club.

Bill Wright, "Ancient Mints and Early U.S. Mints" (slides); **Tom Brown** and **Tony Lagera**, "Coin Grading with Illustrations" — Oceanside-Carlsbad Coin Club.

G. A. Ayers, "Circus Scrip"; **Dr. Werner Rich**, "Origin of Ancient Coinage"; **Ethel Lenhart**, "California Mission Medals" — Orange County Coin Club.

Gordon Greene, "My Mormon Heritage" — Pico-Rivera Coin Club.

Earl O'Cathey, "My Trip to Africa" (slides) — Pomona Valley Coin Club.

William Olson, "British Coins"; **Pete Mitchell**, "Grading of Coins"; **Jack Darnell**, "Moon Medal" — Poway Coin Club.

Nona Moore, "Viscayan Republic — Euzkadi"; **John Lenker**, "Napoleon and His Family" — San Bernardino County Coin Club.

Jerry Yahalom, "The Eternal City — Jerusalem" (slides) — San Fernando Valley Coin Club.

Nick Bonovich, "Sharing my Experiences and Good Fortunes with my Metal Detector" — Torrance Coin Club.

Stu Edgerton, "Trade Dollars of the World"; **Bill Wisslead**, "Maria Theresa"; **Jim Center**, "Wot Happen?" (Chinese coinage) — San Diego Numismatic Society.

William D. Koonce, "Russian Imperial Decorations" — Society for International Numismatics, Los Angeles.

Sally Marx, "Odd and Curious Money" — SIN, San Gabriel Valley.

Laura Nemez, "U.S. Defense Stamps and Books"; **Cliff Kreizel**, "Ivory — An Unusual Media of Exchange"; **Steven Stoliar**, "Tying U.S. Coins in with Ancient Coins".

G. A. Ayers, "Circus Money" — Southern Hub Coin Club.

Harold Lyle, "Numismatic Holiday" — Upland Coin Club.

William Wisslead, "Coins of Seychelles"; **Richard Trowbridge**, "Maundy Coins of Great Britain"; **Irwin Brotman**, "Temple Coins of India" — University Numismatic Club.

Len Sterling, "Golden Glove Story" — West Valley Coin Club.

Abe Kosoff, "Numismatic Experiences of the Past Forty Years" — Whittier Coin Club.

REPORTS FROM OUR OUT-OF-STATE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The Society of Ration Token Collectors (see page 58, Summer 1970 issue of Calcoin News) held its first general meeting in St. Louis last August at the ANA convention. Ten members were present (approximately 10% of the membership).

Past president, **Jerry Bates** (CSNA member 2164), had a most interesting display of some of his ration tokens.

Our companion editor, **Mrs. Miriam Gilmore**, of the Texas Numismatic Association's News was quite sick for a while last fall. However, latest reports are that she is up and around again. Despite her illness she did not miss getting out each monthly issue of the News. Keep up the good work you are doing, Miriam, with your publication.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since starting this column several years ago, this is the smallest amount of news yet. Please remember this is your column. What you are doing makes news for us here in California.

ROMAN NUMERALS

Can you say off-hand which United States regular issue coins have Roman numerals on them?

Well—here they are:

1. Three cent piece (silver composition), issued 1851-1873.
2. Three cent piece (copper-nickel composition), issued 1865-1889.
3. Liberty Head five cent piece, issued 1883-1912.

The above have the value in Roman numerals—III and V.

4. And, on the Saint-Gaudens \$20 piece of 1907 the date appears in Roman numerals—MCMVII.

The Act of 1910 specified that all silver coins struck in Australia should be .925 fine, or of sterling silver.

It is British tradition that monarchs depicted in its coinage face a different direction in each reign.

When a coin has a sharp rim around the perimeter it is said to have a wire edge.

Los Angeles Convention

OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 1, 1970

ON THE CONVENTION FLOOR

Charles G. Colver, general chairman, and **William O. Wisslead**, assistant general chairman, and their various committee chairmen, are to be congratulated on having put on as smoothly a run convention as we have yet had.

Bob Clarke and his assistants were kept busy during the three days handling the 1,100 paid registrants. The two women furnished by the Convention Bureau were, as they have been at all our recent conventions, exceptionally well trained and efficient.

We noticed from a quick survey of the registration cards that some of our visitors came from several other states — and with **M. R. Roberts** from Sidney, Australia, and **Oka Masamichi** from Tokyo, Japan.

Rudy Gjurovich, sergeant-at-arms, was in attendance, in his full regalia.

Our thanks to **Irv Brotman** for his work on pre-convention publicity, and to **Dorothy Greene**, assistant historian.

Ed McClung, security chairman, was constantly on duty, keeping an eye on the bourse and exhibit rooms and checking to be sure the security guards were on hand and properly handling their duties.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit chairman **Randy Briggs** was in the exhibit room the great portion of the time, keeping his records straight and offering to be of assistance to the exhibitors.

Forty exhibitors had 47 exhibits, and used 159 cases or case spaces. A complete listing of all exhibitors, exhibits and awards is listed elsewhere in this issue of Calcoin News.

Our thanks to **A. Kosoff** for furnishing special awards for each junior exhibitor.

All exhibitors who did not win an award, were given a special exhibitors participation plaque.

Congratulations to **Vince Beretta** of Sacramento for winning Best-of-Show with his exhibit of Olympic medals.

Four excellent invitational exhibits were on hand:

The California Bicentennial Medal, recently won by **Jad Darnell** of Poway. Included in the case was a letter

signed by **Neil A. Armstrong**, commander of Apollo XI, certifying to the fact that this was the **Official Moon Medal**, which had made the trip.

Jim Gates, of Shady Grove, Oregon, had nine cases of U.S. currency; a collection of which he may well be proud.

Byran Burke, our CSNA curator, had an accumulation of 700 items in one display case — 50 feet long — covering all of the numismatic phases of American history. It took Bryan 25 years to assemble the coins, tokens, medals, political items, checks, currency and military decorations necessary to tell this story.

The **Imperial Corporation of America** displayed their famous collection of foreign mint errors of various coins from ancient to modern times. Included also were encased postage stamps, fractional currency, large and small size pieces of U.S. currency, and other items.

THE BOURSE

Sixty-eight dealers, under supervision of **Gordon Greene**, bourse chairman, filled one large room. These dealers were from 29 cities in California; 11 from out-of-state, representing all sections of the United States; and one each from England and Jerusalem. This gave an international touch to the convention.

At the entrance to the bourse room was a large chart, listing the names and home city of each dealer, together with a map of the room showing the exact location of each table. Our thanks to Gordon for this sign.

LADIES LUNCHEON

Peggy Borgolte was hostess for this ever popular affair, which was held at the convention hotel. After a delicious salad luncheon, followed by champagne sherbet for dessert, the guest speaker, **Anna Merle Panosh**, related her experiences on the voyage of the "Queen Mary" from England to Long Beach in 1967. It was exactly three years to a day that she set sail on that memorable trip. She told of the preparations the city of Long Beach is endeavoring to make to convert the ship into a convention center.

Six men attended this luncheon, including our photographer **Howard Chase** (who always manages to pop up everywhere during a convention). Two of the men, **Cliff Liss** and **Bill Wisslead**, won door prizes, as did **Nelle Jones** and **Irene Harley**. Many of the ladies are hoping the men will make it a regular practice to attend this convention affair.

FRIDAY NIGHT FORUM

The educational feature of our convention featured the ever-popular **Ralph Mitchell** as moderator, and with two most interesting speakers—**Jim Hill** of San Diego, on "Coinage of Estonia"; and **Byron Johnson** of Seattle, on "Esoteric Collecting Field".

Attendance was about 50. But, why or why — don't more of the junior and novice collectors attend these forums so they may really learn something about numismatics? Always in attendance are the same old familiar faces of the better versed numismatists.

SATURDAY BUSINESS MEETING

It was announced the theme of the Fresno convention, April 16-18, is "Youth In Numismatics", and at the executive board meeting (held the previous day) it had been decided that at that convention all junior and senior high school students will be admitted free of charge. They will be given a badge, but no official convention souvenir medal.

Mention was made of the Frank Lapa Junior Fund, and how it will be handled. (See separate article on this subject.)

The most important piece of business was the report of the nominating committee (**Ralph Mitchell**, chairman, **Dan Harley** and **Cliff Liss**). Their recommendations for our officers for the two year period 1971-1973 are:

President Emeritus

Ralph A. Mitchell

President

William O. Wisslead

Secretary

Charles G. Colver

Treasurer

Stuart T. Edgerton

Directors

James L. Betton, Jr.

James R. Briggs

L. Paul Endler

Gordon Z. Greene

Ralph Marx

John D. Sears

Don T. Thrall

A. G. Yeager

From the floor, by letter from the Liberty Numismatic Society, the name of **Roy Hill** was nominated for director. There being no others, nominations were closed. This makes nine names on the list, and from which six are to be elected to the board.

In a few months from now our secretary will mail out the ballots; these to be marked and returned to him. They will be opened and counted at the April convention at Fresno, and at which convention the new officers will be installed.

CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST SOCIETY

On Saturday afternoon CES held one of its regular quarterly meetings, with about 35 present.

Following were elected for a two year term of office: **Betty Case**, president; **Pearl Kiel**, vice president; **Larry Kiel**, treasurer; **Daisy Snyder**, secretary; **Gordon Greene** and "**Corky**" **Ayers**, new board members. **Larry Kiel** is editor of "The Medallion".

Gordon Greene was the main speaker, with the subject "My Mormon Heritage".

Cut-Lines

(SEE PICTURES, NEXT PAGE)

Top Row (left to right)—"The Tireless Three"—**Irving** and **Mattie Knickerbocker** and **Roy Hill**. **Ethel Stone** and **Alva Christensen**, speakers at the ABNS meeting. **Charles Johnson** of Long Beach, Calif.; **Byron Johnson** of Seattle, Wash.; and **Clifford Mishler** of Iola, Wisc. Our lady on crutches, **Mae Pearl Keil** and **Gordon Greene**.

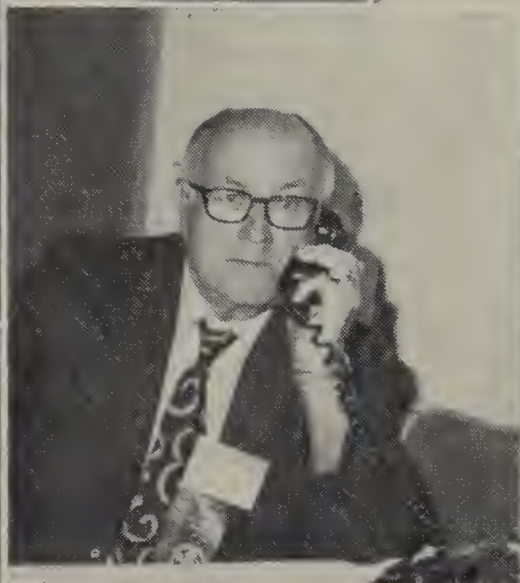
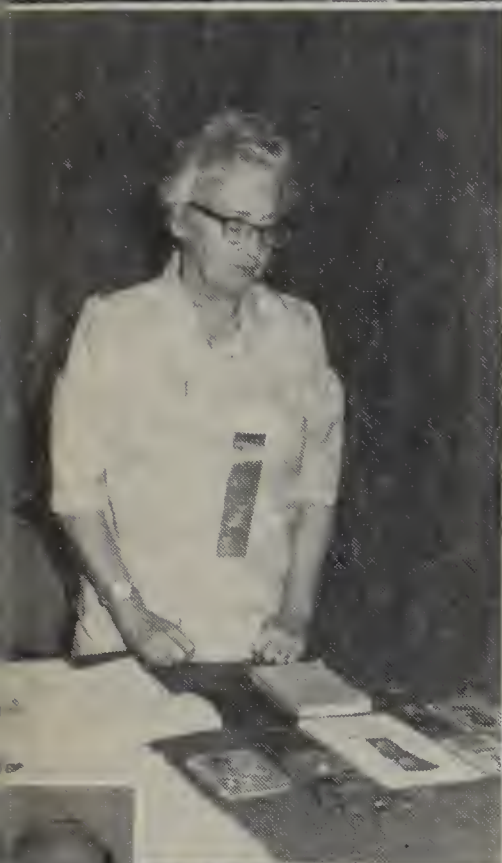
Second Row—Bourse space of the 99 Company; **Maurice Gould** in center. Our popular secretary and recipient of the Medal of Merit—**Charles Colver**, and his charming wife, **Mary. Anna Merle Panosh**, speaker at the ABNS meeting. **Al Baber**, CSNA president. **Jad Darnell**, owner of the Moon Medal.

Third Row—A portion of the speakers table at the banquet (left to right) **Herbert M. Bergen**, ANA president, and his wife **Otta**, **Everett Phillips**, **Bryan Burke**, and **Dorothy** and **Al Baber**. Four of the ladies (and **Cliff Liss**) at the Ladies Luncheon. **John Nemez** making a serious (?) phone call. The Moon Medal display case.

Fourth Row—**Byron Johnson**, speaker at the CSNA forum; **Ralph Mitchell**, moderator; and **Jim Hill**, the other CSNA forum speaker. The entertainers at the cocktail hour preceding the banquet.

EDITOR'S NOTE: **Howard Chase**, our photographer, advises a portion of the last roll of film taken at the banquet was exposed to light by the developer—destroying several shots of the exhibit award winners, presentation of special awards to **Charles Colver** and **William Wisslead**, and presentation of the Medal of Merit to **Charles**. We deeply regret not being able to include these pictures in the convention write-up.





CSNA 47th SEMI-ANNUAL CONVENTION

Los Angeles, California

Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 1970

Photography by Howard Chase

AMER-BRITISH NUMIS. SOC.

The American-British Numismatic Society, with **Dick Trowbridge** as moderator, held an educational forum Saturday afternoon, with about 30 persons in attendance. **Anna Merle Panosh** spoke on "Orders and Decorations of the British Empire"; and "**the two gals**" (**Alva Christensen** and **Ethel Stone**) on their numismatic trips to England.

Those who did not attend the forums presented by CES and ABNS really missed some outstanding talks.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

About 140 persons attended the Saturday night banquet, capably arranged for by **Elizabeth L. Wisslead**. **Bryan Burke** was master-of-ceremony, doing an outstanding job.

Al Baber, CSNA president, welcomed those present; and **Charles Colver**, convention general chairman, thanked his assistant **Bill Wisslead** and the various committee chairman for their co-operation in putting on this successful show.

Jad Darnell, owned and exhibitor of the famous Moon Medal, was present and received a big hand on being introduced.

Door prizes were won by: "**Lucky**" **Nelle Jones** (also see Ladies Luncheon), **Randy Briggs**, **Elmer Tvedt**, **Peter Brandt**, **Ruth Mitchell**, **Hap Yeager** and **Bob Clarke**.

Colver and **Wisslead** were presented with special CSNA awards for their fine work as convention general chairman and assistant general chairman.

Dan Harley made a special presentation of the highly coveted **CSNA Medal of Merit** to **Charles Colver**, the thirteenth recipient of this award. (See the special write-up pertaining to this award.) Congratulations, **Charles**, you certainly earned it!

Randy Briggs, assisted by **Jerry Kroeger**, announced the exhibit award winners (see separate listing) and handed them their placques. The exhibits, as usual, were outstanding and all exhibitors deserve a word of praise for the hard work they put in on them.

The pre-banquet cocktail hour started at 6:00 p.m., and the banquet finished at 9:00 p.m.—with plenty of time left for other doings during the late evening.

We regret that the last roll of film taken by our photographer, **Howard Chase**, was spoiled by the developer—

therefore no pictures of the exhibit award winners, nor of **Charles** getting the Medal of Merit.

CONVENTION POT POURRI

Thursday night while enroute to the hotel to commence his duties, one of our security guards picked up a hitchhiker—only to have his car, complete uniform, gun, ID, etc., stolen from him. Imagine the guard's embarrassment being left on the side of the road, attired in his under cloths! . . . **Ed McClung**, our security chairman, took over and stayed on duty until about 1:00 a.m. when a relief guard finally showed up.

Kay Edgerton wearing her well-known numismatic dress. . . . But, where was **Irene Liss'** matching one? . . . **Rudy Gjurovich** in his famed Money Suit—and with a new hat! . . . **Mattie Knickerbocker**, that fashion plate from San Diego, as usual with her assortment of hats and matching butterflies.

Howard Chase, our photographer, popping up everywhere and getting some fine "candid camera" shots. . . . At the CSNA forum, **Curly Mitchell** razzing **Roy Hill**—and **Roy** giving it right back. . . . The hard working judges taking from nine Friday evening until almost midnight judging the exhibits. . . . How come six men at the Ladies Luncheon? Are we going to have to change the name of this affair?

Charles Colver, on being presented with the Medal of Merit, claimed he was speechless—but we noticed he managed to stammer out a few thank-you remarks. . . . The wild applause from the "Covina table" upon **Charles** receiving this award.

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The British Museum coin collection was started with various bequests in the eighteenth century.

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Copper cents of 1847 in Hawaii were the first coins used by King Kamehameha III.

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In 1257 Henry VIII struck a gold penny to represent the value of 20 silver pennies.

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In ancient Greece even the slaves had access to money, so some were able to buy their way out of slavery.

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Money isn't everything. Often you find it isn't enough.

Exhibits and Awards

GROUP "A" — UNITED STATES

B. L. Price (Carpinteria) — "Indians" — **First Award**

Howard Gullick (Downey) — U.S. Silver Dollars — **Second Award**

Howard Gullick (Downey) — U.S. Gold Types - Coins - Currency — **Third Award**

GROUP "B" — ANCIENT

Ralph Marx (Canoga Park) -- The Threee Wives of Marc Antony — **Second Award**

Betsy Davison (Santa Monica) — Ancient Rome's Military Establishment — **Third Award**

GROUP "C" — MEDIEVAL

Michael Zagorin (Culver City) — Coins of the Byzantine Empire — **First Award**

GROUP "D" — MODERN FOREIGN

Peter Brander (Burbank) — Republica Mexicana - 8 Reales — **First Award**

Catherine Edgerton (San Diego) — Mexican Aztec Calendar Coins — **Second Award**

Thomas Fitzgerald (Covina) — Vatican City - History in Coins — **Third Award**

Laura Nemez (Inglewood) — Hawaii Coinage

Catherine Smith (Culver City) — Modern Coins of Japan

GROUP "E" — SUBSTITUTES FOR MONEY

Sally Marx (Canoga Park) — Unusual Medium of Exchange — **First Award**

Mary Capozzi (Inglewood) — Siamese Porcelain — **Second Award**

GROUP "F" — PAPER MONEY

Jim Gates (Shady Cove, Oregon) — Type Set of Large Size Silver Certificates — **First Award**

S. Everett Phillips (Fresno) — Autographs — **Second Award**

Gary Snover (San Bernardino) — Currency of the World — **Third Award**

GROUP "G" — ORDERS AND DECORATIONS

Clifford H. Bloom (San Francisco) — Order of Franz Joseph — **Third Award**

GROUP "H" — MEDALS

Vincent Beretta (Sacramento) — Olympic Medals — — **BEST-IN-SHOW**

Fred W. Speers (Escondido) — Germany's Zeppelin Medals — **First Award**

Dan Harley (Claremont) — CSNA Medals — **Second Award**

Mae Pearl Keil (Azusa) — Abraham Lincoln — **Third Award**

Stuart Edgerton (San Diego) — CSNA Past President Medals

Raymond Hinsley (Anaheim) — America In Space

Larry Keil (Azusa) — Our Glorious 50 States; and Our Nation's Leaders

Catherine Smith (Culver City) — One Small Step

GROUP "I" — MISCELLANEOUS

Esther Taller (Rosemead) — Noah's Ark: Coins and Medals of Israel — **First Award**

Paul Endler (Clovis) — It's Just a Piece of Paper — **Second Award**

Laura Nemez (Inglewood) — U.S. Defense Savings Stamps — **Third Award**

Mary Capozzi (Inglewood) — Meet Your Presidents

Philip Centman (San Diego) — Variations in FD-FI Covers; and FDC Issues

Donald Gordon (Santa Ana) — The Minting Process

Jim Heine (San Diego) — Unstruck U.S. Planchets

William Martin (Santa Ana) — Off-Center Clock — Lincoln Cents

Jack Nestle (Hollywood) — Some 20th Century Exonomia of Los Angeles

GROUP "J" — JUNIORS

Debbie Martin (Lawndale) — J. F. Kennedy Medals — **First Award**

John Comstock — Australian First Day of Issue Covers — **Second Award**

Debbie Martin (Lawndale) — Mini-Medals — **Third Award**

Sam Phillips (Fresno) — Nautical Numismatics

(In addition to the CSNA awards issued these juniors—each one also received the special A. Kosoff Junior Award. Congratulations to these juniors for their excellent exhibits and their participation in the convention.)

NON-COMPETITIVE

Harold Donald (Tarzana) — Roman Emperors in "Believe It Or Not".
Fresno Numismatic Society (Fresno) — Special Medal Awarded to the Society.
Sacramento Coin Club (Sacramento) — Collecting Sacramento

INVITATIONAL

Bryan Burke, Jr. (San Bernardino) — Numismatic History of the United States
Jad Darnell (Poway) — The Moon Medal
Jim Gates (Shady Cove, Oregon) — U.S. Currency
The Imperial Collection — Currency, Regular Coin Issues, Mis-strikes, etc.

BEST OF SHOW — Vincent Beretta — Group "H" — Medals

A. KOSOFF AWARD — To each junior exhibitor listed in Group "J"

EXHIBIT CHAIRMAN and **AWARDS CHAIRMAN** — James "Randy" Briggs

EXHIBIT JUDGES — Jim Betton, Paul Hamm and "Hap" Yeager

FRANK LAPA JUNIOR FUND

The following letter has been sent to all CSNA member clubs:

"The directors of the California State Numismatic Association have established the "**Lapa Junior Membership Fund**", from which CSNA junior memberships will be awarded. Any member club may submit a letter of recommendation for a junior member of their club to receive this award. In addition to the name, address and age (must be under 18 years), the letter should include reasons for the recommendation, such as leadership ability, numismatic research, general numismatic interests, assistance rendered at a coin show or other numismatic meeting, or whatever other reasons might be felt as good for receiving this award.

"Letters should be submitted to

Charles G. Colver, CSNA Secretary,
611 N. Banna Ave., Covina, Calif.
91722.

"The next awards will be made at the spring convention in Fresno, April 16-18, 1971.

"Donations to this fund may be made by any interested person or organization and are tax deductible."

Our thanks to Frank Lapa for his very generous donations which have enabled CSNA to inaugurate this program, and we hope others will contribute to this fund.

Miss Debbie Martin, of Lawndale, Calif., was awarded this membership for the year 1971, at the executive board meeting at Los Angeles last fall. Congratulations, Debbie, and all of us know you well deserve this recognition.

CSNA SYMPOSIUM

CSNA's Third Annual Symposium will be held Saturday, April 3, 1971, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a one hour luncheon break, at the **Boyd Auditorium, 235 E. Eighth St., Long Beach.**

The two previous events, held in 1969 and 1970, were both highly successful, and general chairman Richard Trowbridge predicts this one will be even more so, and with a capacity audience.

Maurice M. Gould will be the moderator, and there will be four main speakers, all well-known in numismatic circles.

Ten persons have been invited to

exhibit—and these exhibits will most certainly be outstanding.

Long Beach Coin Club is host.

Herb Bergen, president of ANA, will give the opening address; and Al Baber, president of CSNA, will close the meeting.

Further details will be furnished in the next issue of Calcoin News.

This is CSNA's outstanding educational feature of the year—the best of its kind in the United States. **Spend a numismatic, educational day in Long Beach, April 3.**

Income tax: the fine for reckless thriving.



CSNA — MEDAL OF MERIT

The **Medal of Merit**, pictured above, is made of silver and is three inches in diameter. It is the highest award presented by CSNA to its members, and is awarded for "outstanding service to CSNA—above and beyond the call of duty". This award is a hard one to earn, and is not merely a "thank you" device nor an award for regular official service in the organization.

At the Santa Barbara convention in the fall of 1956 the first two presentations were made to:

1. Dr. Calvert L. Emmons
 2. Charles V. Kappen
- and these were followed at various later conventions to:
3. Dr. C. Glenn Curtis
 4. Leonel C. Panosh
 5. T. Kirk Hill
 6. Robert G. McArthur
 7. Erich Werling
 8. Ralph Mitchell
 9. Lesley G. Lodge
 10. Charles M. Johnson
 11. Dan Harley
 12. Rudy Gjurovich

At our Fall 1970 convention the thirteenth medal was issued — to **CHARLES G. COLVER**, our hard working and very efficient secretary. The presentation was made by past-president Dan Harley.

A standing ovation was given Charles on his accepting this medal—the second of the thirteen recipients to receive such an ovation.

Congratulations, Charles, you certainly have earned this honor.

“MONEY TALKS”

By the time you receive this copy of *Calcoin News* you should have received your pre-paid copy of “**Money Talks**”.

Jim Betton and his capable assistants **Bob Berman**, **Melvin Kohl** and **Lewis Upton** are to be congratulated and thanked for their hard work in preparing this reprint of the best articles which appeared in past issues of *Calcoin News*.

The main sub-divisions of this 360-page, hard cover book are:

- Californiana
- Ancient
- Medieval
- Modern Foreign
- United States
- Currency
- Exonumia
- Tokens and Medals

You name it—and you will find it in this book.

The price is now \$6, including tax and mailing charge, and may be ordered from our secretary, Charles G.

Colver, 611 N. Banna Ave., Covina, Calif. 91722.

Why not order a few copies for gifts to your numismatic friends—or for the library of your local club—or for door prizes at your local club meetings?

Dealers may write to Colver on their letterhead, asking for the quantity discount on wholesale orders at the price of \$4 per copy.

We thank those members who sent in their order and check many months ago for their patience—and we are sure they will not be disappointed when perusing through their copy.

The justifiable pride of the Romans in their buildings is displayed in numerous types of coins.

In the good old days, the man who saved money was a miser. Nowadays he's a wonder.

The art of plating coins was known to the ancient Greeks.

From the Desk of the Secretary

NEW MEMBERS

- 2258 NOLL, Kenneth M.5715 Calle Del Paisano, Phoenix, Ariz. 85018
(sponsored by Dick Thorpe)
- 2259 KININGHAM, Jim
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 2260 CALICO COIN CLUB.....P.O. Box 966, Barstow, Calif. 92311
(sponsored by Fred Coops)
- 2261 NUMISMATIC ERROR COLLECTORS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY
6156 Tarragona Dr., San Diego, Calif. 92115
(sponsored by Al Baber)
- 2262 GRAHAM, Michael A.5119 Borland Rd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90032
(sponsored by Charles Byers)
- 2263 VARNER, Malcolm.....1840 Alhambra Rd., San Marino, Calif. 91108
(sponsored by Charles Byers)
- 2264 ROSE, Jack
(sponsored by Charles Colver)
- 2265 SPITZ, Hy.....764 N. Bradshaw St., Montebello, Calif. 90640
(sponsored by Winn Osborne)
- 2266 RICH, Dr. V. G.242 W. Malvern Ave., Fullerton, Calif. 92632
(sponsored by Orange County Coin Club)
- 2267 BROWN, John K.1770 Mulberry Dr., Hanford, Calif. 93230
(sponsored by Fred Tinkham)
- 2268 CALIF. COIN DEALERS ASSN., Inc.
6922 Hollywood Blvd., #804, Hollywood, Calif. 90028
(sponsored by Joel Rettew)
- 2269 WEATHERLY, C. B.23812 Palmek Cr., El Toro, Calif. 92630
(sponsored by Bill Wisslead)
- 2270 BROMBERG, Nathan.....15540 E. Lambert Rd., Whittier, Calif. 90604
(sponsored by Charles Colver)
- 2271 MULLINS, Robert B.6191 Del Cerro Blvd., San Diego, Calif. 92120
(sponsored by Al Baber)
- 2272 SNOVER, Gary F.P.O. Box 3034, San Bernardino, Calif. 92404
(sponsored by James Briggs)
- 2273 DANEHOWER, Cole N.330 Greenoaks Dr., Atherton, Calif. 94025
(sponsored by William Dunn, Jr.)
- 2274 SMITH, Stanley W.
(sponsored by Mrs. S. T. Laughery)
- 2275 MORGAN, James C.1741 Mossbrook Ave., San Jose, Calif. 95130
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- 2276 TUSTIN COIN CLUB.....P.O. Box 11, Tustin, Calif. 92680
(sponsored by Bill Wisslead)
- 2277 STOLBERG, Roger B.P.O. Box 9472, San Diego, Calif. 92109
(sponsored by Al Baber)
- 2278 WEBB, Don E.953 E. Second Ave., Escondido, Calif. 92025
(sponsored by Dorothy Baber)
- 2279 ESCONDIDO COIN CLUB.....953 E. Second Ave., Escondido, Calif. 92025
(sponsored by Dorothy Baber)
- 2280 CASE, Elizabeth L.
(sponsored by Robert Clarke)
- 2281 COMSTOCK, John.....7930 Whitsett, North Hollywood, Calif. 91605
(sponsored by Ed McClung)
- 2282 HALPERN, Harold.....6142 Teesdale Ave., North Hollywood, Calif. 91606
(sponsored by the secretary)
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- 2285 KARUSO, Betty.....1005 W. Sixth St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90017
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- 2286 SCHWARTZ, Max M.....2920 Point East Dr., Apt. N-501, Miami, Fla. 33160
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REINSTATEMENT

1790 ANAHEIM COIN CLUB... 1666 Pampas Lane, Anaheim, Calif. 92804

DECEASED

1061 HULING, John E.
1927 MUCHA, Gregory P. (Aug. 7, 1970)

ADDRESS UNKNOWN

1874 FARQUHAR, Ronald S.
2028 TURNER, Anthony C.
2192 TOMLIN, Tom

EXPELLED

13-1 KOCH, Jack R.
22-1 GOODMAN, Mort

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership, August 15, 1970.....	1096
New Members, Aug. 16 to Nov. 15, 1970.....	29
Re-Instatement	1
Resignations	5
Address Unknown.....	3
Deceased	2
Expelled	2
Suspended for non-payment of 1970 dues.....	154
Net Membership, November 15, 1970.....	960
Total Life Members.....	117

—CHARLES G. COLVER

JEWISH MEDALS

“Jewish Medals—From the Renaissance to the Fall of Napoleon (1503-1815)” is the title of a book authored by Daniel M. Friedenberg, Curator of Coins and Medals, The Jewish Museum, New York.

The book is cloth bound, approximately 150 pages, and well illustrated. The list of chapters reads:

1. Anti-Semitic Medals
2. Marranos and Christian Converts
3. The Slow Rise of Jewish Emancipation
4. Medals Commemorating Individual Jews
5. Medals Commemorating Jewish Activities
6. Miscellanea of Jewish Interest
7. Exclusions

In addition there is a:

Catalog of Medals
Collections Reviews
Known Jewish Medalists Represented
Bibliography
Index

Price is \$10.00, and if not available at your local dealer or book store may be ordered through the publisher, Clarkson N. Potter, Inc., 419 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10016.

CURRENCY'S MEANING

The word “currency” is one of the most misused words in numismatics, frequently used when referring to paper money as “coins and currency”. Even our commercial bank deposit tags usually read: currency, coins, checks.

The word “currency” does not mean paper money alone, but instead relates to any medium of exchange, be it coins, paper money, tokens, etc.

Prior to Confederation, the supply of coins in Canada was supplemented by homemade and foreign coins.

Coins from Britain, France Portugal, Spain, the U.S. and almost every other country added to the monetary confusion. The people had to be familiar with pounds, shillings, pence, dollars, cents, francs, pistareens, ducats, guilders, reales and many others. What confusion there must have been at times!

A form of currency issued in New France (Canada) from 1685 to 1759 was called Playing Card Money.

Scissel is the metal scrap left after the blank for a coin has been cut.

For Sale - -

Back Issues Of Calcoin News

We continue herewith the listing of back issues of Calcoin News which we have on hand and for sale:

- 1956 - Vol. 10 — No. 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6
- 1957 - Vol. 11 — No. 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6
- 1958 - Vol. 12 — No. 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 6 (no No. 5 on hand)
- 1959 - Vol. 13 — No. 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6

(Starting with Volume 14, in 1960, Calcoin News was changed from a bi-monthly to a quarterly.)

- 1960 - Vol. 14 — No. 1 - 2 - 3 (no No. 4 on hand)
- 1961 - Vol. 15 — No. 1 - 2 - 3 - 4
- 1962 - Vol. 16 — No. 1 - 2 - 3 - 4
- 1963 - Vol. 17 — No. 1 - 2 - 3 - 4
- 1964 - Vol. 18 — No. 1 - 2 - 3 - 4
- 1965 - Vol. 19 — No. 2 - 3 - 4 (no No. 1 on hand)

These are being offered at 75¢, with a 10% discount on orders totaling \$5 or more. Orders should be sent to L. Eldon Beaulieu, 3143 Neal Ave., San Jose, Calif. 95117; and checks in payment should be made out to L. Eldon Beaulieu, CSNA Historian.

The next issue of Calcoin News will conclude the listing of these extra back issues.



CALIFORNIA GOLD

CALIFORNIA GOLD DOLLARS, HALF DOLLARS AND QUARTER DOLLARS is the title of a book recently released by that well-known California numismatist Kenneth W. Lee (CSNA 1-4).

Cloth bound cover, 138 pages, this book contains a complete description of 449 varieties of these interesting coins of the second half of the nineteenth century. 440 of these coins are in the personal collection of the author.

Included are paragraphs on: An Outline of California Gold History and Coinage; explanation of the Cataloging System and of the Cataloging of Varieties; comments on Die Breaks; a Rarity Table; remarks as to Genuine Coin Issues vs Counterfeits; and other pertinent information concerning these interesting round and octagonal coins of early California.

Price of this book is \$5.95 (tax and postage included) and may be ordered from your favorite coin dealer or direct from the author, 422 Security Bldg., Glendale, Calif. 91203. Dealers may write on their letterhead stationery to Lee for quantity discounts.

This book is by far the most complete and authoritative work on this series of gold coins, and should be in the library of everyone interested in this phase of numismatics.

INYO COUNTY CENTENNIAL

While visiting recently the Railroad Museum at Laws, Inyo County, it was called to your editor's attention that there are still on hand a quantity of the **Inyo County Centennial Medallions**, issued in 1966 to celebrate the county's centennial.

These are of goldene bronze, approximately 1½ inches in diameter, and enclosed in an attractive four-page booklet with descriptive matter of the county's attractions: Bristlecone Pines, Indian Petroglyphs, Scotty's Castle, The "Slim Princess", Indian Arrowheads and Charcoal Kilns.

Obverse has the words INYO COUNTY CALIFORNIA CENTENNIAL across the top, with a picture of the "Slim Princess"; and beneath the words INYO COUNTY FORMED MARCH 22, 1866; at bottom the dates 1866 * 1966. Reverse shows a map of California, with Inyo County outlined on it, and illustrations of the various features referred to above.

This is a most attractive medal and should be in the collection of everyone interested in Californiana. Price \$1.50 each (including tax and postage). Checks should be made out to Inyo County Centennial Committee, and sent c/o Mrs. Clarabelle E. Hawkins, Treasurer, 380 East Line Street, Bishop, Calif. 93514.



THE 1952 CROWN OF SOUTH AFRICA

By W. deVROOM, Newborough, Vic., Australia, CSNA 1562

Among the many well designed and executed coins of South Africa, the 1952 five shilling piece must rank high on the list of commemorative issues. The coin was designed to commemorate the landing of Jan van Riebeeck at Table Bay in 1652.

Although the bust of van Riebeeck appears on later South African coins, on the 1952 piece no such portrait nor even his name is to be seen. Nevertheless, we should not treat this as an omission or oversight, because the reverse design offers a wealth of information, provided we are willing to do some study.

The designer certainly has made it a truly commemorative coin. The obverse of this 39 mm silver coin, with a fineness of .800, designed by Thomas Hugh Paget, shows the head of George VI, cut-neck type, facing left, around which is in three-quarter circle: *Georgius Sectus Rex*. Under the head appear the initials H.P.

However it is the reverse design that gives the coin its commemorative character. The reverse was designed and modelled by Mrs. U. Walgate, a leading South African sculptress, who was the first woman in South Africa to win an open competition of this sort. A 17th century sailing vessel is shown with Table Mountain in the background. To the right of the vessel is found the monogram:

Lettering in full circle: *Suid Afrika—1652-1952—South Africa*. The value 5-S appears at the foot of the reverse, flanked by two ornaments. The designer's initials M.W. are placed slightly below the bow of the ship.

Approximately 1,753,000 pieces were minted.

Jan van Riebeeck was the first European to establish a settlement at the Cape of Good Hope. He came from a respectable, well-to-do family, who owed their name probably to some reed covered brook or stream, i.e., *riet* meaning reed and *beeck* meaning brook.

He was born at Culemborg, Netherlands, in 1619, some 17 years after the founding of the Dutch East India Company, to which body he was to give such valuable service in later years. His father, a sea captain, died when Jan was eleven years old. Thereafter Jan came under the care of his grandfather who was mayor of Culemborg. For a profession he chose medicine, and became apprenticed to a surgeon, which was customary in those days. He qualified at the age of 21. His desire for adventure led him to join the Dutch East India Company as junior surgeon, and as such he set sail for Batavia on the "Hof van Holland", which was wrecked off the coast of Sierra Leone some three months after setting sail.

Fifteen months after leaving Hol-

land, van Riebeeck reached Batavia. On his arrival he abandoned the medical profession for commerce and administration in the company. The prospects were so much better and offered chances of quick advancement. He was appointed assistant at the head office in Batavia. This position gave him insight and experience into the administrative side of the company's organization. In 1642 van Riebeeck was sent to Sumatra with a special commissioner, Pieter Soury, to attempt to get trading facilities for the company. Success of the expedition was due partly to van Riebeeck's tact, patience and courteousness, and on his return to Batavia he was promoted to junior merchant.

Subsequently he gained more experience by being sent to Japan in order to investigate the possibilities of trade with the Japanese. Later he was sent to Tongking and thereafter to Desima for the same purpose.

On his return to Holland in the "Coningh van Polen", the ship called at Table Bay where it remained for eighteen days. It was during this time that he was to get first hand knowledge of the Cape and its problems.

When he reached Holland he left the services of the company and settled in Amsterdam. At Schiedam he met his future wife, Maria de la Quellerie, ten years his junior. The couple settled in Amsterdam.

When the Dutch East India Company was considering the establishment of a refreshment station at the Cape, van Riebeeck seized the opportunity of rehabilitation in the eyes of the directors of the company, and wrote a large memorandum about the Cape. This made a good impression and van Riebeeck was appointed commander of the Cape. He set sail on Christmas Eve, 1651, accompanied by his wife, son Lamberbus, and two nieces of whom he was a guardian.

Although van Riebeeck was the first European to establish a settlement at the Cape of Good Hope, the discovery of the Cape had been made as early as 1488 by the Portuguese navigator Bartholomew Diaz. The province of Natal was discovered by Vasco da Gama on Christmas Day, 1497.

At first Diaz named the Cape "Cabo Tormentoso", or "Cape of Storms", which he later changed to "Cape of Good Hope".

Looking back into history we

usually find the English, Portuguese, Dutch and Spanish appearing at every conceivable part of the globe, and we could wonder why the Dutch were so late in making their appearance on the South African scene. The reason for this is simply that the Dutch as yet hadn't found the way to the East Indies. It would take until the 1st of August, 1595, before the first Dutch ships dropped anchor at the Cape of Good Hope. This fact may seem rather insignificant, but to the Dutch it would later prove to be a milestone in history and trade not to forget the colonial development in centuries to follow.

While the Portuguese had already rounded the Cape on their way to the Indies, the Dutch were still trying to find a way around the north, so as to make them independent of the Portuguese traders who at that time supplied the needs of the rest of Europe regarding spices and other overseas products. The Dutch ships were forced to go to Lisbon, which at that time was the place for such products and to buy their requirements from the Portuguese, very much to the detriment of the port of Antwerp.

All attempts by the Dutch to find a seaway around the north proved fruitless and it must have been a great boon to Dutch prestige as a seafaring nation and to its trade in general, when in 1595 the way to the Indies was found, the same as was earlier discovered by the Portuguese. The result of the discovery by the Dutch was a steep increase in shipping activities and at the beginning of the 17th century no less than seven companies existed which made for fierce competition.

It was Johan van Olden Barnevelt, Pensionary of Holland, who was instrumental in the formation of one company which was founded on the 20th of March 1602, and received the name of Vereenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie (United East-Indian Company), and it is the balemarm of this company that has become such a familiar sight for coin collectors. The letters V.O.C. appear on thus: and it is this belamarm which is shown on the 1952 crown piece.

By its charter V.O.C. received the right to mint its own coins, which now have become so familiar to a great many collectors.

For V.O.C. the establishment of a refreshment station was a dire neces-

sity. In this respect we have to consider the great risks to which the seafarers were exposed when making a voyage from the Netherlands to the East Indies and back. I take as an example the party which landed at the Cape in 1595 with four ships, carrying sixty-four guns and a total crew of 248 men. It took 28 months to reach Amsterdam again, and by then the crew had dwindled to a mere 89, and the number of ships to three. The heavy toll of human life was caused by scorbub, scurvy, fights with the natives, and other privations.

The establishment of a settlement at the Cape enabled the ships to take on board fresh food and water, and to carry out repairs before continuing the voyage east or before returning home. For the same reasons the Portuguese had earlier erected re-victualing stations for their ships at Algoa Bay and Delagoa further up the South African coast. Their trade was mainly carried out between Portugal and Goa, and the name Algoa was derived from "a Goa" (to Goa) and "Delagoa" (from Goa).

The voyage from the Netherlands to Table Bay took van Riebeeck and his party 104 days, which for that period was a remarkable short time. The fleet returned a few months later, after having left some hundred people behind to form the first European settlement at the Cape (1652).

Jan van Riebeeck thus became the first commander of the settlement and as such commenced the undertaking of farming, the establishment of whale and seal fisheries, trade in timber, etc. A hospital for sailors was erected in 1656, but the intended fortress at the Cape was not completed until many years later.

He stayed for ten years, and was succeeded by Commander Wagenaar. It is said that van Riebeeck governed wisely and well. In May 1662 he left for Batavia. On his arrival in the East he was made a member of the Court of Justice at Batavia and later Commander of Malacca. Two years later his wife died at the age of 35. After another two years, when he was Secretary to the High Government of India, he married Maria Isaacs Scipio, a widow.

Ten years later van Riebeeck's health failed rapidly, and in 1677 the founder of European civilization in South Africa died in Batavia.

The story of the development of the

Cape Province and that of South Africa in general is a very interesting one, but too long to be treated in this article. I have dealt only with such matters as having a bearing on the 1952 crown, and I hope this article may assist the collector to have a better appreciation of his 1952 crown piece, and that it may encourage others to try to obtain one of these pieces, not only for the beauty of the coin itself, but for its historical significance.

NOTE: I wish to thank the Director of the South African Mint for his kindness in supplying me with much valuable and interesting information pertaining to this coin.

(The above article was one of the prize winners in the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society's 1967 Papers Contest, and was read by a PCNS member before that group at their March 1968 meeting.)

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All Philippine coins dated 1903 to 1919 were struck in the Philadelphia and San Francisco mints.

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You've got to hand it to the income tax people. If you don't, they'll come and get it.

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The Chinese "cash" coin is believed to have evolved directly from the bronze knife money used in 700 B.C.

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Nearly all Byzantine coins employ emblems of the Christian Church.

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The mythological winged horse, Pegasus, identifies the coinage issues of the ancient Greek city state of Corinth.

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The ancient kingdom of Lydia, in Asia Minor, was the first nation to issue coins in the Western world — about 700 B.C.

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Julius Caesar became the first living Roman to have his portrait on a coin.

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In France, Louis XIV (1638-1715) was so keen a collector that it is said he never passed a day without viewing some portion of his collection.

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All Canadian coins have been struck in the Ottawa mint since 1908.

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"Helm" is the name given to the quarter-florin, a small gold coin struck by Edward III in 1344.

Who's Who In California Numismatics

LAURA NEMEZ

By

IRV BROTMAN

Laura Nemez (Mrs. John J.), CSNA No. 1533, was born in St. Louis on Christmas Day in -----. Well let's say she's over 25. One might call her a native Californian for her parents moved here when she was only three years old.

She was raised in the Southern California area of Inglewood-Hawthorne, where she received her formal education, and she still resides in that area.

Not content to play the role of the average young lady seeking a husband and settling down to the chores of home life, she graduated from Hawthorne High School and entered Newbury Business College in pursuit of a career. Following her graduation with a degree in Business Administration, this energetic young lady stepped out to make her mark in the world.

Laura found time in the years immediately after graduation to engage in such activities as horseback riding. As she does most everything, not as a passing fancy, but with zeal and fervor, her equestrian pasttime led her to the role of an accomplished horsewoman, often riding in parades and performing in equestrian exhibitions.

Somehow between her endeavors to enter the business world, and all of her outstanding civic and social activities, Laura slowed down long enough to consent to the wishes of her childhood sweetheart John, to enter into matrimony. Happily married now for more than 22 years, she and John have taken an active part in each other's hobbies.

Shortly after her marriage, our energetic young gal started on a temporary job with Hughes Aircraft Co., and after almost 20 years we can say she's kind of permanent. So much so that she now heads the Document Services and Communication Section



of the Field Service Division.

Far from an average worker, Laura has won plaudts for her work with the Hughes Employees Association and the American Business Women's Association.

With a work schedule such as this, one wonders where she found time to fully devote herself to numismatic endeavors, such as CSNA, NASC, SIN (a senior vice-president and president-elect), California Foreign Coin Club, Bay Cities Coin Club, North American Stamp and Coin Club and a host of others. She's not just a regular member, but a hard working active member, chairwoman of many important committees both at the club meeting and conventions.

Of course numismatics has always been dear to her heart, ever since receiving coins as a small child from her grandmother. Many of us have received coins as youngsters, but this gal fell for them all the way. As time and good fortune fell upon her, she took an even greater fancy to medals. Her interests in collecting is only exceeded by her willingness and desire to share her finds with others. Hardly a show goes by where she has not exhibited her fine collections. With her exhibiting came awards, from the lowest to the best. The trophy room in her lovely little home would make

even the most advanced collector envious.

As all numismatists realize, a book on coins, or its related history, is of greater importance than the coins themselves. Don't leave our gal short, for her library, particularly in her latest love, Tibet, is to say the least outstanding.

So much more could be said about this effervescent person, but a few

words she once said at a local club meeting could sum up all of her assets: "The present generation in which we now live, is perhaps the greatest of all generations, past or in the future, for the true numismatist". Not quite so, for the future of numismatics will be one bit brighter due to the present efforts of "one great gal"

—Laura Nemez and her ever present sweetheart Johnny.

A NUMISMATIC COURSE

AT LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE

We are in receipt of the following letter from Richard J. Trowbridge, CSNA-1821:—

"On Nov. 16, I had a conference with Mr. Millington, Dean of the Long Beach City College. As a result of this meeting, the college will offer a course for the beginner as an introduction to numismatics beginning with the term starting in January 1971. The course is free, and will meet once a week in the evening from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M., and will last 18 weeks. A Certificate of Completion will be given by the college at the conclusion of the course.

"In the event enough interested persons attend the first course, the college will introduce a two year course in numismatics beginning with the summer session in 1971, and will award full college credit against a history major.

"This is a major breakthrough as it will be the first college in Southern California offering such a course.

"If the first course is successful, the program for the two year course, which will actually be conducted in five semesters of 18 weeks each, will be: first semester, a general introduction to world numismatics; second semester, history through coins of North and South America; third semester, history through coins of the British Empire, Europe and Scandinavian countries, from the first century B.C. to date; fourth semester, history through coins to Japan, Asia, the South Seas and eastern parts of the world from the first century B.C. to date; and fifth semester, a summary and review of history through coins of the world, first century B.C. to date."

In the opinion of your editor, this sounds like a very much worthwhile project, and it is hoped that all numismatic organizations in California, and

particularly in the southern part of the State, and all CSNA members will actively support this program. As Dick says—this is indeed a major breakthrough in the relationship of numismatics and college courses.

Dick Trowbridge, himself, will be the main instructor, and interested persons are asked to contact him at P.O. Box 14542, Long Beach, Calif. 90814, for the exact date and location of the course.

COINS OF BOLIVIA

A recent release is the 66 page booklet entitled "Coins of Bolivia—1820-1970", authored by Dale Seppa and Alcedo Almanzar.

An attempt has been made to list all the gold, silver, nickel and bronze coins for that period. The booklet is well illustrated. Mints, diameter and weights of the coins, as well as approximate sale values in three and four grades are shown.

Of interest is that while the book is printed in English, portions of it are also in French, German and Spanish.

Price is \$3 per copy, and may be ordered direct from Almanzar's Coins of the World, Suite D, Milan Bldg., San Antonio, Texas 78205. Dealers may write to Almanzar for discount prices.

A U.S. one dollar note has a life of about eighteen months in circulation.

England's "window tax" of 1701 was imposed to supply funds for replacing the old hammered coinage with milled coins.

The Canadian 5-cent piece of 1951 commemorated the 200th anniversary of the isolation of the element nickel.

Your Good Will Ambassador -- Clay Read

First, I want to thank the following numismatic associations, organizations and societies for appointing me their numismatic goodwill ambassador to the Fourth South African Numismatic Convention, held in Pretoria, South Africa, Oct. 26-31, 1970:

American Numismatic Association
California State Numismatic Association
Numismatic Association of Southern California
California Exonumist Society
Council of International Numismatics
Society of International Numismatics
Organization of International Numismatists
Medal and Token Society (TAMS)
Lockheed Coin Club

One thing for sure—this was a wonderful occasion, and I will try to report the events.

When I arrived at Jan Smuts Airport in Johannesburg, Oct. 21, at 10:30 p.m., I was met by a numismatic delegation of about 20 persons. I was indeed surprised and thrilled. I was driven to Pretoria (known as the Jacaranda City), distance of about 38 miles, to the Continental (Continental) Hotel, where a room had been reserved for me by Stan Kaplan.

Four different organizations had grouped together to have this convention—Transvaal Numismatic Society, W. S. Van As, president; South Africa Numismatic Society, W. S. Joubert, president; Natal Numismatic Society, J. F. Rowland, president; and O. V. S. Numismatics, Dr. W. C. Annandale, president.

An evening or so later, a cheese and wine party was held at the Pretoria National Cultural History Museum, where I was greeted by the museum director.

Official opening of the convention was on Tuesday, Oct. 27, by the Mayor of Pretoria, Rev. G. J. Davidtsez. I was seated next to the mayor on the stage, and was asked to give a five minute address. The response was really something! Then we toured to the "Fountains" for a city council luncheon. Again I had a very long talk with the mayor and his wife. They thanked me very much for com-

ing this distance to South Africa. Again I was introduced to many VIP's of South Africa, Europe and England.

I attended many lectures, and indeed these lectures were some of the best I have ever attended. At each lecture I was acknowledged and accepted.

On Thursday I was invited to visit the Pretoria Mint, where by special permission of the mintmaster I was allowed to strike a Proof One Rand, and which was later presented to me at the banquet for being the first American exhibitor and I was the first American to have this honor. This was indeed a surprise and a real thrill.

The big day was Saturday, with the banquet that evening, and my presentation of the awards for the Fourth Annual South African Numismatic Convention. My presentation speech was a great success, for after presenting these awards to their president, everyone stood and sang their song in my honor—this alone was a great feeling for me. Then I was called forward to accept an exhibitors award, also to receive many other awards from the convention. Then I was really surprised and happy for I was presented with Proof One Rand coins to bring back to the United States to be presented to the different associations for their museums.

A very fine banquet, and with a number of speeches most of which referred to me as being there from the United States. A dance was held afterwards—and a very sad parting from such a wonderful group of people devoted to numismatics.

Yes, this was an occasion which I shall remember and cherish for a long time. We all hope that many of their members will come to our conventions as guests and as exhibitors. Yes, this was a great accomplishment through numismatics.

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Silver commemorative coins of the United States were struck in three denominations — 25¢, 50¢ and \$1.

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Pasteboard notes of exchange were used in China during the reign of Wu-ti, in 140 B.C.

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That money talks I will agree; it always says good-by to me.

WHAT IS A PICAYUNE?

By FRED E. TINKHAM, Hanford, CSNA-200

When a small boy, my maternal grandmother was living at my parent's house, and I often heard her use the expression "not worth a picayune". Upon questioning her as to what a Picayune was, she told me it was a small coin which was in use in New Orleans when she resided there many years previously, probably around 1845 or 1850.

The territory of Louisiana was first explored and settled by the Spaniards. After the explorations of La Salle it became French property in 1732, but was ceded to Spain in 1760. In 1800 by secret treaty it became a French dominion under Napoleon. Napoleon sold the entire territory west of the Mississippi, known as Louisiana, to the United States in 1803. Coins of Spain and France certainly circulated freely during this time and probably continued to circulate for some time after.

The Spanish milled dollar, or piece of eight, continued to circulate in this country with official sanction until 1857, but there seems to be no information available as to when other foreign coins were officially removed from circulation.

Webster defines picayune as a "small silver coin; a trifle; a worthless person or thing"; this gives us very little to go on. Joseph Coffin in his book, *Our American Money* (page 78), writes that a picayune was a Spanish copper coin valued at about 6½ cents in our money. We have gained a little here, but are still a long way from our goal—which was to purchase one for my collection. This search had been going on almost from my boyhood. Many noted numismatists have been asked if they had a picayune or had ever seen one. The answer was always "no".

My first clue to the identity of the coin was when I read an article by Mrs. Peggy Borgolte in *Calcoin News*, Vol. 19, No. 3, Summer 1965, page 83. I addressed a letter to Mrs. Borgolte asking for further information. For some reason the letter was returned to me undelivered.

Temporarily the search ended there, but was renewed when I received my *Calcoin News*, Vol. 24, No. 2, Spring 1970, and read the "Shadow of a For-

gotten Coin" by Mrs. Borgolte, which described the picayune as a Spanish coin officially valued at one-sixteenth of a United States dollar or 6¼ cents, and was known as a "bit" or a fractional part of a real.

Soon after reading this article I came across an ad in *COINS Magazine*, June 1970, offering such a coin for sale. An immediate order soon brought the coin to my door, and a lifetime search was rewarded with my most cherished coin, thanks to Mrs. Peggy Borgolte.

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OBAL INTERNATIONAL RELEASES

Obal International, P.O. Box 907, Oak Park, Ill. 60301, has just released three booklets, which if not available at your favorite coin shop or book store may be ordered direct from them:

"The Pre-Imperial Coinage of Roman Antioch" by E. T. Newell. This work was originally printed more than fifty years ago, but its uniqueness in dealing with the Pre-Imperial coinage of Roman Antioch has not been overshadowed by any work since. The author leads the reader through the history making events, places and personages of that time. The booklet consists of 45 pages of text, 2 pages of plates, and is priced at \$3.

"A Catalogue of the Coins of Dalmatia et Albania (1410-1797) by Soterios Gardiakos. This is the most complete listing yet made of this region during the years specified. It is fully illustrated with representative type coins of each denomination, and is supplemented with maps, charts, a rarity guide and bibliography. Price U.S. \$2.

"Gold Coins of Philippi" by Paul Lambros and translated from the Greek by Betty Gardiakos. Lambros was a noted scholar on ancient and medieval numismatics, whose many works remain classics in their respective fields, though written about a century ago. The booklet consists of 19 pages of text and illustrations, is in English and Greek, and is priced at \$2.

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The nickel and penny aren't of much value these days — but the dime makes a good screwdriver.

Calendar of Numismatic Events

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

- April 3.....Third Annual Symposium
Boyd Auditorium, Long Beach
Richard J. Trowbridge, chairman, P.O. Box 14542, Long Beach 90814
- April 16-1848th Semi-Annual Convention
Del Webb's TowneHouse, Fresno
R. Paul Endler, general chairman, 862 W. Alamos Ave., Clovis 93612
Fred Tinkham, asst. gen. chairman, 1117 N. Irwin St., Hanford 93230
Wm. Y. Lee, bourse chairman, c/o Coast Stamp & Coin Co.,
Tulare and "U" Sts., Fresno 93721
James A. Creagmile, exhibit chairman, 237 N. Yosemite Ave., Fresno 93701
- Nov. 5-7.....49th Semi-Annual Convention
Miramar Hotel, Santa Monica
James L. Betton, general chairman, P.O. Box 533, Santa Monica 90406
- Spring 1972.....50th Semi-Annual Convention
San Francisco
Miss Ruth Ludwigsen, general chairman, 78 Arroyo Way, San Francisco 94127
- Fall 1972.....51st Semi-Annual Convention
On the fabulous "Queen Mary", Long Beach — if facilities on the ship are
available at that time.
Note we have switched our previous listing of the Fall 1971 and Fall 1972
conventions

OTHERS

- Jan. 10.....Eighth Annual Coin Show, San Bernardino County Coin Club
Holiday Inn, 666 Fairway Dr., San Bernardino
Mrs. Nona Moore, general chairman, P.O. Box 245, Fontana 92335
- Feb. 7.....Third Annual Coin Show, San Jose Coin Club
Napredak Hall, 770 Trimble Road, San Jose
Marcus Reaves, bourse chairman, 224 N. Santa Cruz Ave., Los Gatos 95030
- Feb. 18-21.....16th Annual Convention, Numis. Assoc. of Southern California
Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles
James L. Betton, general chairman, P.O. Box 533, Santa Monica 90406
- April 10-11.....Fifth Annual Eureka Coin Show
Redwood Acres Fairground, Eureka
Harry Dixon, bourse chairman, P.O. Box 505, Eureka 95501
- May 2.....Eighth Annual Coin Fair, San Francisco Coin Club
Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco
Roy Hill, general chairman, P.O. Box 6028, San Francisco 94101
- May 15-16.....Twelfth Annual Coin Show, West Coast Association
Jay McCabe Hall, Almaden and San Carlos Sts., San Jose
Marcus Reaves, bourse chairman, 224 N. Santa Cruz Ave., Los Gatos 95030
- Aug. 10-14.....80th Annual Convention, American Numismatic Association
Washington-Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.
Herbert W. Price, general chairman, 4700 Connecticut Ave., Washington,
D.C. 20008
- Aug. 26-28.....18th Annual Convention, Canadian Numismatic Association
Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a very incomplete list of coming events—primarily because the officers of the local clubs will not report to your editors any information about their shows. Please remember—we cannot keep up an accurate and complete list without your support.